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Applicant : M. Amin Arnaout et al. Art Unit : 1644
Serial No. : 09/758,493 Examiner : M. Haddad
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Title : HIGH AFFINITY INTEGRIN POLYPEPTIDES AND USES THEREOF

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed June 23, 2004, Applicants elect the invention of Group III, claim 14, drawn to a CD11b α polypeptide. This election of Group III is made without traverse. The Examiner also required that Applicants make a species election to a "single combination of modifications in the α subunit". The Examiner described this requirement as electing "position(s) where the modification occur and the length of the α subunit". Applicants elect claims to "a polypeptide comprising amino acids 144-332 of CD11b α subunit wherein the Ile at position 332 has been replaced by an amino acid selected from the group consisting of Gly and Ala." This species election is made with traverse. Applicants request that polypeptides of any length that include amino acids 144-332 of CD11b and have an amino acid change at position 332 be considered together. It is not reasonable to require the Applicants to elect a particular length polypeptide. The Patent Office regularly considers claims to polypeptides "comprising" a particular sequence. Applicants should not be forced to limited the claimed polypeptides to a particular length.

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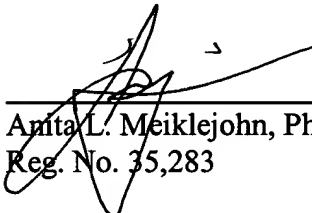
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A Petition for Extension of Time with the appropriate fee is enclosed. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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